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SUBJECT: JERUSALEM POST HIGHLIGHTS

1. JERUSALEM POST FRONT PAGE MARCH 28 DEVOTED TO PRESIDENT FORD'S INTERVIEW WITH HEARST PAPERS AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PRESS CONFERENCE. BANNER HEADLINE FOR BLITZER ARTICLE FROM WASHINGTON ENTITLED, "FORD BLAMES ISRAEL FOR SHUTTLE FAILURE." SEPARATE ARTICLE BY POST CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON STATES "KISSINGER DENIED THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAD PRIVATELY BLAMED ISRAEL FOR THE BREAKDOWN. HE SAID THAT HE WAS UNAWARE WHY PRESS REPORTS WERE MAKING CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT BLAMING ISRAEL."

2. ANOTHER ARTICLE DEVOTED TO RABIN'S MARCH INTERVIEW WITH MAARIVE IS ENTITLED, "EGYPT REJECTED ISRAEL PLAN TO DIRECT TALKS--RABIN". INSIDE PAGES ALSO NOTE FORMER INFORMATION MINISTER YARIV WILL HEAD TEAM OF TOP-LEVEL ISRAELIS WHO WILL TOUR U.S. IN NEXT FEW WEEKS TO EXPLAIN ISRAELI POSITION. ANOTHER ARTICLE QUOTES CONGRESSWOMAN CONDISS COLLINS AS STATING AT AIRPORT ON MARCH 26 THAT "MURDER OF KING FAISAL SHOWS THAT ISRAEL IS ONLY STABLE STATE IN MIDDLE EAST AND ONLY ONE ON WHICH U.S. CAN RELY." ANOTHER JTA STORY COVERS SENATOR JACKSON'S CRITICISM OF WHITE HOUSE "HINTS" OF
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POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN U.S. AID OR ISRAEL. POST ALSO CARRIES

BRIEF REPORT OF NEW HEBREW UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE POLL WHICH SHOWED 91 PERCENT OF POPULATION IN JERUSALEM, TEL AVIV AND HAIFA SUPPORT GOVERNMENT'S POSITION "NOT TO GIVE IN TO EGYPTIAN DEMAND"; 92 PERCENT BELIEVED ARMY READY FOR NEW WAR; 76 PERCENT BELIEVED GOI SHOULD TRY FOR NEW INTERIM SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT, AND 68 PERCENT THOUGHT THIS SHOULD BE DONE THROUGH SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER.

3. POST CARRIES UPI REPORT DATED LINED TOKYO QUOTING FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN AS SAYING "THAT DR. KISSINGER IS A GREAT NEGOTIATOR BUT DOES NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST."

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